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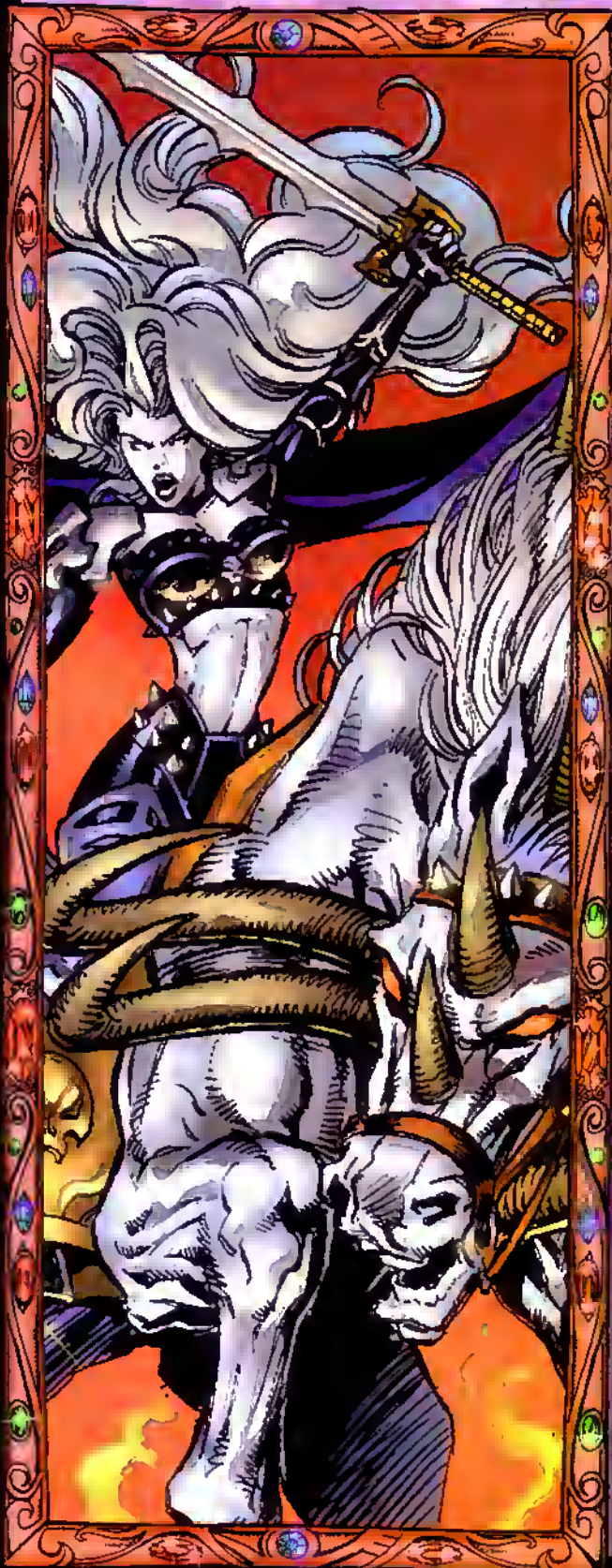
Human Hope survived the direct assault of Uriel and the indirect tactics of Gabriella, the first two Seraphim Assassins. She has become dependent, however, on her mysterious vampiric sword, Nightmare. Accepting the Scythe of the Covenant from the Archangel Michael, she reclaimed her Lady Death persona. Now it is time to finally seize control of Hell. But Hell is at war with itself: and a third Heaven-sent Killer, the Galilean, has arrived. Meanwhile, temptresses Leviatha and Malady lurk on the fringe of Heaven, in search of an ancient evil. Leviatha calls her mate. And even Michael is in crisis...for he realizes he loves Hope more than God.

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LACKEY
OF HEAVEN!
HELL IS MY
DOMAIN!

ATTACK
ME HERE, AND
YOU WILL NOT
SURVIVE!

I AM THE
GAULEAN.

I WAS
CREATED
FOR YOU,
LADY
DEATH.

I AM
YOUR FINAL
HARROWING.

I AM
MYSELF
AGAIN!

ALL THAT I WAS...
AND, SOMEHOW,
MORE...

HSSSTTT!

CRANK

THE SOUL STORM THAT POSSESSES NIGHTMARE RECOILS! WHY?

THIS DAMNED SWORD IS A FIEND FOR BLOOD -- ESPECIALLY BLOOD OF HEAVEN!

NO MATTER.

BEWARE LADY!

IT'S -- IT'S NOT AN ANGEL!

LET GO, HOPE.

FROM REBEL ANGEL MICHAEL LAST ISSUE!

HOPE CHANGED ME WHEN SHE ACCEPTED THE ETERNAL SCYTHE*

...BUT THE RAW CLAY OF HELL STILL BENDS TO MY WILL!

THE SERAPHIM WANT MORE FOR YOU THAN THIS LIFE OF PAIN AND SORROW.

LET GO OF YOUR BURDEN OF SUFFERING.

I AM... NOT HOPE!

SO LADY DEATH AND HOPE ARE DISTINCT ENTITIES, NOW.

REGARDLESS, I WAS MADE FOR ONE PURPOSE.

TO GIVE THE CHOSEN ONE THE PEACE SHE DESERVES.

I'LL HAVE THE "PEACE" I DESERVE BY GRANTING ALL WHO INTERFERE...

...WITH A DEEP AND WELL-DESERVED GRAVE

THERE. I DID NOT NEED THE SCYTHE.

... I NEEDED MICHAEL.

USE THE ETERNAL SCYTHE ON THE GAULEAN...

YOU WILL NOT USE ME AS YOU USED HOPE. MICHAEL! WE WILL MEET AT ARMAGEDDON...

FOR NOW, I'LL OBLITERATE...

...THE LAST STAINS OF LEVIATHA'S SORCERY!

THOUGH IT PULLED ME TO TAKE HOLD AND USE IT...

...AND YOU WILL LOSE EVERYTHING!

...SEE THEN WHO LOSES "EVERY-THING"

IF YOU, MICHAEL, OR ANY OTHER ADVERSARY WANTS ME...

...YOU'LL FIND MY NEW FORTRESS FITS MY MOOD!



INSIDE
LADY DEATH'S
TRANSFORMED
STRONGHOLD.

NNNAARRGH!
MY
LADY!

HEY,
LADY DEE!
REMEMBER THE
LEGIONS OF HELL?
THE WAILIN'? THE
GNASHIN'?

THE
UNWASHED
HORDE YOU
CLAIMED YOU
WERE GONNA
LEAD?

OUR
WAR IS NOT
YET OVER
CREMATOR

WELL,
WHILE YOU
PLAYED FOOTIE
WITH ANGELS AN'
REDECORATED THE
SKULLSHACK, THE
DAMNED GOT
BORED!

THIS
GALILEAN BABE'S
GOT 'EM PRETTY
HOTSY TOTSY!
TO ASK HER, YOU'RE
THE REASON HELL'S
GOIN' TO
HELL!

VASSAGO.

BLOOODD!
YOU
PROMISED!

WE
SERVED YOU!
NOW WE
STARVE!

DON'T
HURT YOURSELF,
HANDSOME.

AWWW.
LET'S HAVE A
GREAT BIG
TEAREUL GROUP
HUG...

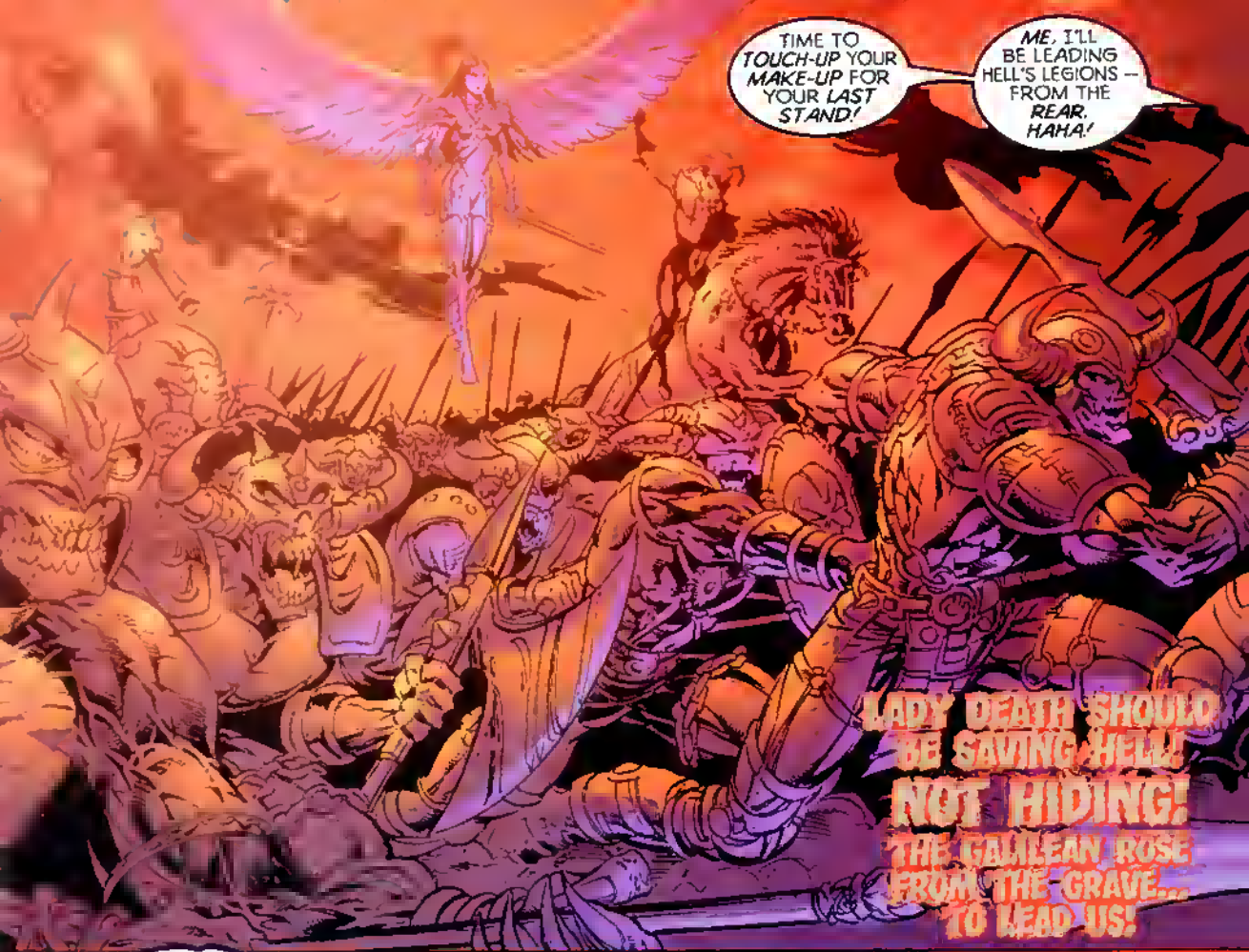
PAGAN.

GRRRR.

HEAVEN
HATES ME FOR
MY RESPONSIBILITY
AS THE CHOSEN ONE
OF THE COMING
JUDGMENT
WAR.

HELL
HATES ME...
BECAUSE AVOIDING
RESPONSIBILITY
IS WHAT THE
DAMNED DO
BEST.

WELL
THEN, PAGAN.
TELL THEM DEATH
WELCOMES THEM
ALL... WITH OPEN
ARMS!



TIME TO
TOUCH-UP YOUR
MAKE-UP FOR
YOUR LAST
STAND!

ME, I'LL
BE LEADING
HELL'S LEGIONS --
FROM THE
REAR.
HAHA!

LADY DEATH SHOULD
BE SAVING HELL!
NOT HIDING!
THE GALILEAN ROSE
FROM THE GRAVE...
TO LEAD US!



THE MOB
BLAMES YOU FOR
ABANDONING --

CREMATOR.
WHOSE SIDE
ARE YOU ON?

YOURS,
AS ALWAYS.
BUT I --



SILENCE!

ONLY
WE CAN
SAVE YOU,
BUT WE MUST
FEED!

THE
BLOOD OF
THESE ANIMALS
WILL HAVE
TO DO!

NIGHT-
MARE!
LEAVE THE
WOLVES
ALONE!

OBEY
ME!

CREATOR

GRYPER

SUDDENLY, THE HISSING ENERGY GHOSTS EMANATING FROM LADY DEATH'S STRANGE BLADE ERUPT INTO A STORM!

NIGHTMARE DECIDES WHO TO CONSUME AND WHO TO SPARE!

BEHOLD OTHERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO MAKE NIGHTMARE "OBEY!" THEY MUST PAY FOR THEIR ARROGANCE -- ETERNALLY!

YOU DELUDE YOURSELF, LADY DEATH -- YOU BELONG TO NIGHTMARE!

ARRRGH!

NOOOO!
NOT ANOTHER!

SNORRR

HOW FITTING, A WORLD OF TORMENTED SOULS...

...DWELLING INSIDE MY SWORD!

BUT I WILL NOT BE NIGHTMARE'S SLAVE!

WHAT'S HE DOING NOW STEPHANO?

I DON'T
GET IT! MICHAEL
ABANDONED HEAVEN.
COVERING HIS TRACKS
FROM EVERYONE
BUT US ..

Shhhhh!

I
CANNOT...

FREEZE

...HER
OUT?

**HUMANS
SEEM TO LIVE
FOR
DESIRE**

BUT *DESIRE*.
ONCE STIRRED, IS
ALL-CONSUMING.

DESIRES
IS NOTHING
BUT THE
OPENING...

...OF
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
TERROR!

H
PUNCHED
RIGHT THROUGH
THE BREAKIN
PLANET!

**LADY
DEATH FIGHTS
THE GALILEAN.
WHOM I HAVE
SWORN NOT
TO STAND
AGAINST!**

MY
DESIRE. THE
WOMAN KNOWN
AS HOPE, IS
BURIED WITHIN
LADY
DEATH!

YOOO,
THAT'S HEAVEY
SELE-ABUSE,
EVEN FOR
HIM!

MASSIMO,
I DON'T WANNA
THINK ABOUT THE
COMING WAR
BETWEEN HEAVEN
AND HELL! ALL
BETS ARE
OFF!

**CAN
YOU BELIEVE
IT? ARCHANGEL
MICHAEL, THE
SWORD HAND
OF GOD, HAS
GONE
MAD!**

HIDING AGAIN!

WHERE?

RAZE HER FORTRESS!

DRAG HER OUT BY HER HAIR!

SHE MUST ANSWER FOR CRIMES AGAINST HELL!

ARRRGH!

AAAH!

MORE TREACHERY!

Lady Death!

GRINNNND

GRINNNND

CHOOM

IN HELL, WHILE LADY DEATH STRUGGLES WITH NIGHTMARE INSIDE HER FORTRESS...

WHO, MY PAWNS'RE GETTING PULPED!

AH WELL, PLENTY MORE WHERE THEY SPAWNED FROM, EH HANGMAN?

THE TYRANT WANTS US TO EXHAUST OURSELVES SCALING HER WALLS. WE WILL OVER-RUN HER IN A BLOOD RED TIDE!

STOP IT, YOU'RE GIVIN' ME CHILLS. YOU HEARD 'IM! LET'S GET IT OOOONNN!

DO WHAT YOU WILL.

THERE IS STRENGTH IN OUR NUMBER.

AND IN OUR SELF -- SACRIFICE!

SELF-WHAT? I JUST REMEMBERED, SOMEWHERE I GOTTA BE. BY-EEE!

I HEAR THE RATS GNAWING CLOSER!

I MUST CONTROL THIS DAMNED BLADE, NOW!

SEIZE THE SWORD, CREMATOR!

LADY DEATH IS TIRED! AND WE ARE HUNGRY TO WORK WITH NEW BLOOD!

UNNNH?

CLIMB
OVER THE
BODIES OF
OUR
SLAIN!

JUST
BETWEEN
YOU AND ME,
UGLY. THE HERD
CAN SLAUGHTER
ITSELF
CHASING LADY
DEATH!

THE
BOUNTY
ON YOUR HIDE'S
GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ME.

HIGHER!

UHHCKK!

HUNNNH!

LET
HER FEEL
OUR
FLAME!



YOU WANT
MY BLOOD,
NIGHTMARE.
WAIT IN LINE WITH
THE SCUM
OUTSIDE!

YOU
WILL TASTE
ONLY THE
BLOOD...

...THAT I
ALLOW!

ARRGGH!

VERY
WELL, CONTINUE
TO PROVIDE HOT
NOURISHMENT, AND
WE WILL TOLERATE
YOUR WILLFUL
WAYS...

...FOR
NOW!

AS FOR
YOU, "GAILEAN,"
YOUR REBELLION
HAS MY FULL
ATTENTION.
NOW!

SNORRIT

USE THE
ETERNAL
SCYTHE! CUT
FREE OF NIGHT-
MARE!

YOU SAW
THE SOULS
IMPRISONED BY
THE BLADE! DO
YOU WANT TO BE
ENSLAVED --

YOU
COULD NOT
CONTROL
NIGHTMARE,
HOPE, BUT I
CAN!

YOU
WERE
SLAVE!

"USE THE
SCYTHE?"
NEVER!

I'LL
SQUASH
HEAVEN'S
INTERFERENCE,
BRING HELL
TO ITS
KNEES...

...AND
THEN I
SHALL RID
MYSELF OF
YOU!



UNNNH!
I HOPE THEY
REWARD ME --
HUNNH! -- BY
THE POUND!

MERCENARY
Huh-Huh IDIOT!
WHO'S LEFT --
HUNNH! -- TO
PAY YOU?

DEATH
OFFERS ONE
LAST CHANCE.
GO BACK TO
HEAVEN...

...OR
SUFFER THE
CORRECTION
DESERVED BY
YOUR ENTIRE
MEDDLING
BREED!

WOMAN
OF AN EARTHLY
MIND, YOU
KNOW MY
ANSWER.

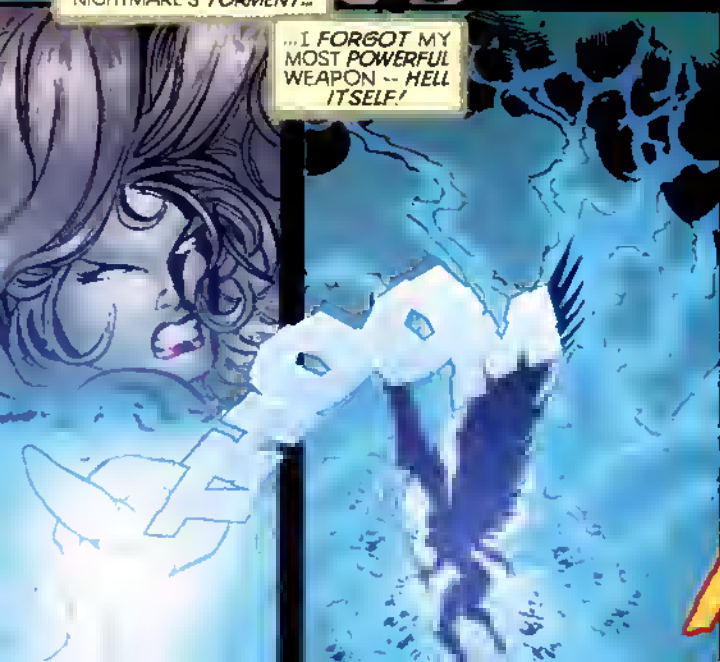
I WOULD
NOT HAVE IT
ANY OTHER
WAY!



WAIT.

BETWEEN MICHAEL'S
WARNING, THE REBELLION
OF THE DAMNED, AND
NIGHTMARE'S TORMENT...

...I FORGOT MY
MOST POWERFUL
WEAPON -- HELL
ITSELF!



THUNDER...
IN HELL?
LADY
DEATH!

Amn

YOU
COULD HAVE
LEARNED FROM
ME, FLEDGLING
GODDESS.

I HAVE
BEEN *PRESENT*
AT EVERY
EVOLUTIONARY
LEAP.

I DELIVERED
FIRE INTO THE
HANDS OF MAN,
AND *WHISPERED*
INTO HIS *EAR* AS
HE FIRST
OBSERVED THE
ATOM!

EVEN
NOW, *OUR*
CONFLICT
HERE...

...*IGNITES* A
WAVE OF VIOLENCE
THAT WILL SWEEP
YOUR BELOVED
EARTH TOWARD THE
JUDGMENT WAR!

I'LL
NEVER SET
FOOT ON
EARTH
AGAIN!

BOOM

WHAT IS SHE
TRYING TO *DO* TO
ME WITH THIS
CHATTER?

WHY DOES SHE
KEEP TALKING
ABOUT EARTH?

AHHHH

YES, IT IS
TIME. HEAVEN'S
PART IS DONE

FOR
HANDS OF
HELL...

... MUST
END THE
THREAT OF
THE CHOSEN
ONE.

BOOM

WHERE THE GALILEAN HIT,
A THIN STREAM OF BLOOD
SLOWLY EATS AWAY THE
STONE OF HELL.

SO...
HEAVEN WANTS
ME OFF THE BATTLE
FIELD, BECAUSE IT
FEARS MY FREEDOM
TO CHOOSE FOR
MYSELF...

...BUT
ONLY IF
HELL DOES
THE DIRTY
WORK?

HEAVEN...
IS RULED...

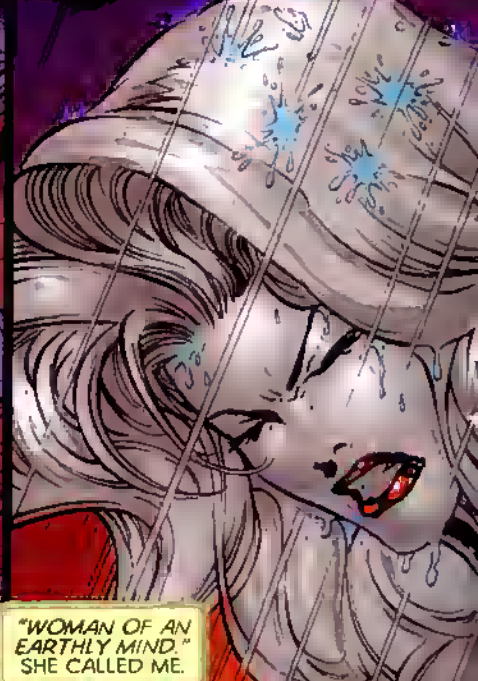
...BY THE
INSANE!



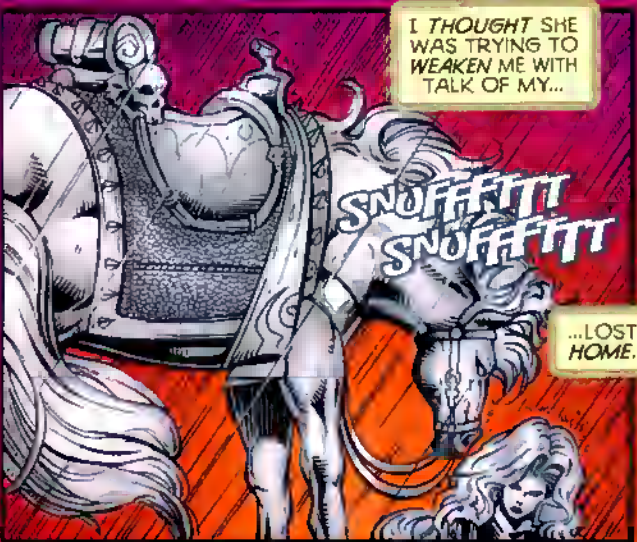
RAIN?
IN
HELL?



THE
GALILEAN IS
SLAIN!



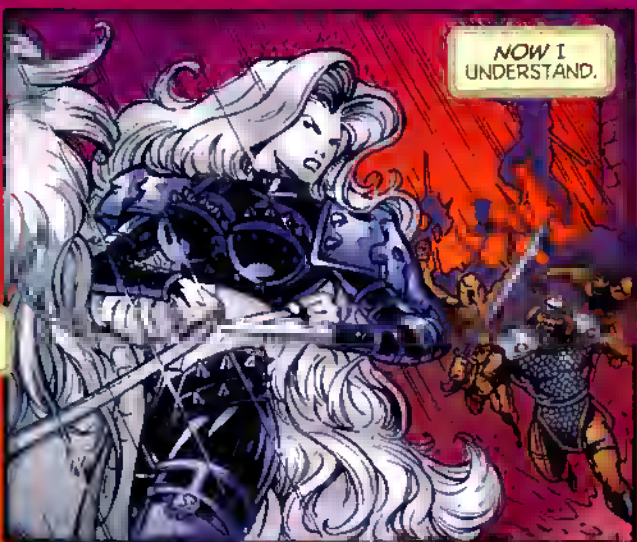
"WOMAN OF AN
EARTHLY MIND."
SHE CALLED ME.



I THOUGHT SHE WAS TRYING TO WEAKEN ME WITH TALK OF MY...

SNUFFETT
SNUFFETT

...LOST HOME.



NOW I UNDERSTAND.



WHICHEVER WAY I TURN, A WAR IS IN MY WAY.

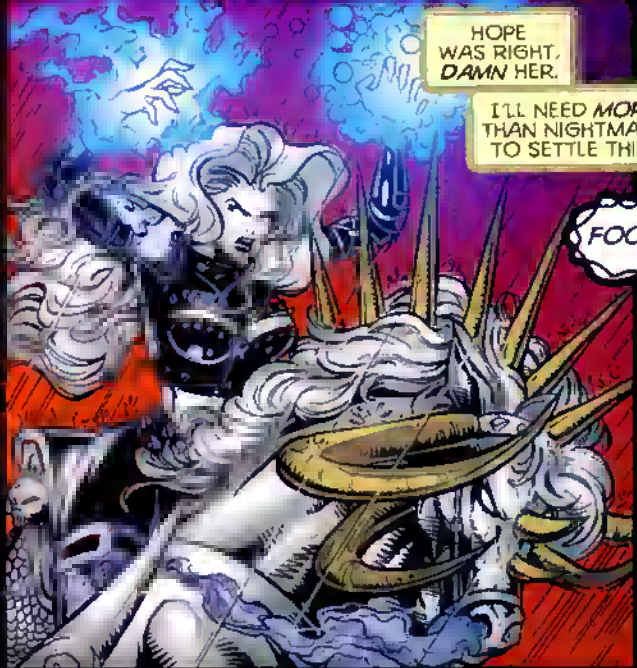
I ACCEPTED THAT ON EARTH...

I EMBRACE IT IN HELL!

SHE MURDERED OUR SAVIOR!

CRUSH HER!

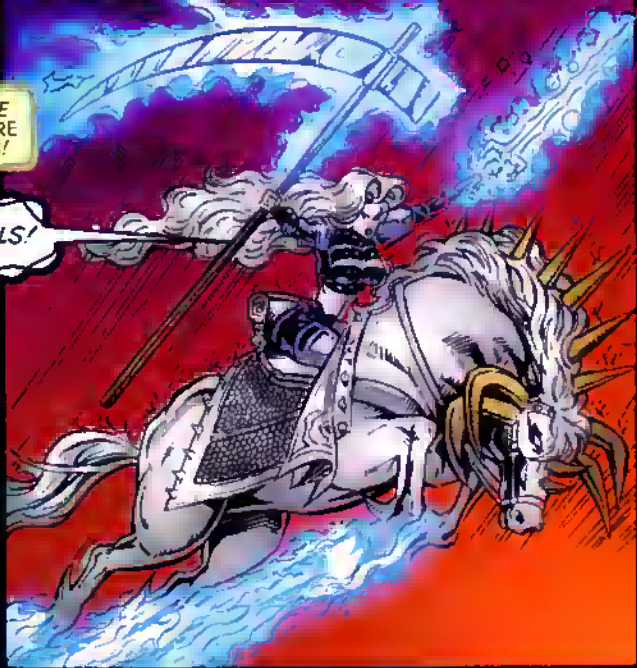
RRRRRRGGH!



HOPE WAS RIGHT, DAMN HER.

I'LL NEED MORE THAN NIGHTMARE TO SETTLE THIS!

FOOLS!

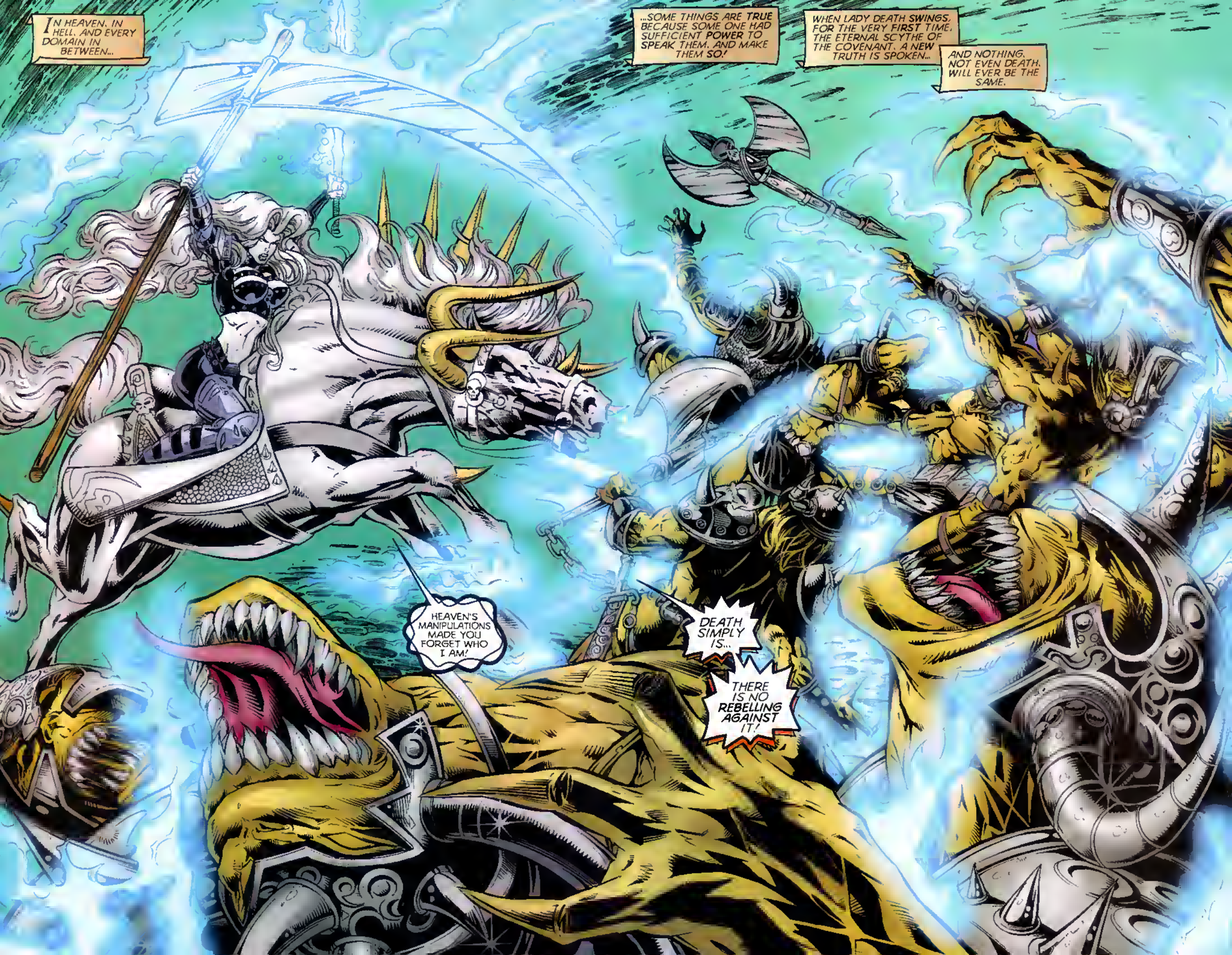


IN HEAVEN, IN HELL, AND EVERY DOMAIN IN BETWEEN...

...SOME THINGS ARE TRUE BECAUSE SOME ONE HAD SUFFICIENT POWER TO SPEAK THEM, AND MAKE THEM SO!

WHEN LADY DEATH SWINGS, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, THE ETERNAL SCYTHE OF THE COVENANT, A NEW TRUTH IS SPOKEN...

AND NOTHING, NOT EVEN DEATH, WILL EVER BE THE SAME.



HEAVEN'S MANIPULATIONS MADE YOU FORGET WHO I AM!

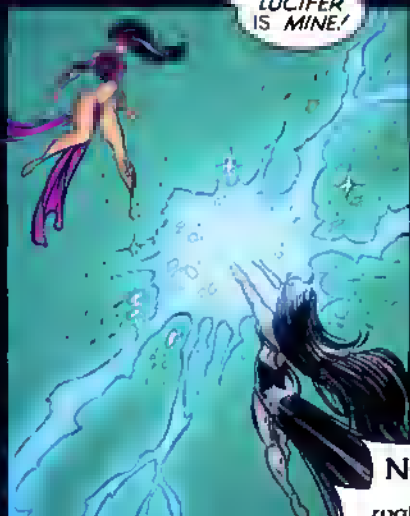
DEATH SIMPLY IS...

THERE IS NO REBELLING AGAINST IT!

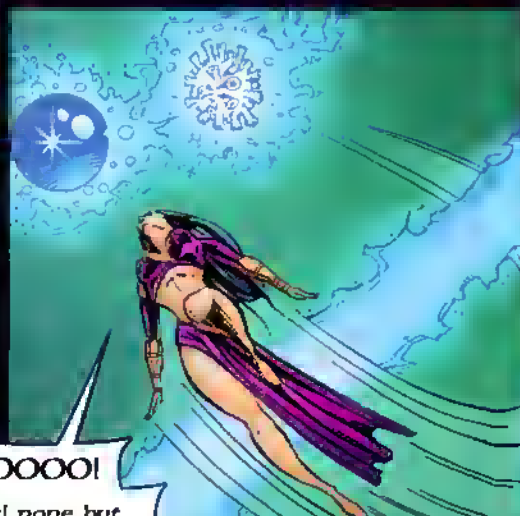
Interlude:
SORCERESS
LEVIATHA GAZES
INTO HEAVEN'S
GATE.



INSULT me NO
MORE, malađy!



LUCIFER
IS MINE!



NOOOO!

wait! none but
the PURE in heart
can pass through
HEAVEN'S GATE!



ARRGH!

I TOLD you,
wench!

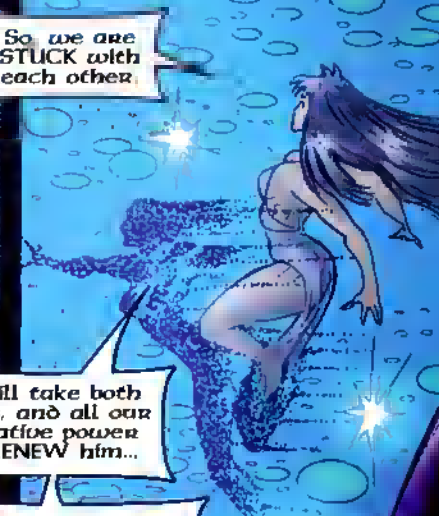


NO...

So we are
STUCK with
each other.

It will take both
of us, and all our
creative power
to RENEW him...

...the way I know
my lord and love
SHOULD be!



END INTERLUDE.



HELL.

AT LAST,
MY LADY! HELL
KNEELS -- IN THE
ASHES OF THOSE
WHO STOOD
AGAINST
YOU!

I
THOUGHT
NIGHTMARE WAS
DANGEROUS --
WHERE THE SCYTHE
STRIKES, NOT
EVEN BONES
REMAIN!

CHILDREN
OF HELL...
SURVIVORS! WE
HAVE COME
THROUGH THE
HARROWING!

HELL'S
FORMER
INFERNAL
POWERS, HELL'S
BUREAUCRATS,
FAILED!

HEAVEN
FLAUNTED ITS
ASSASSINS,
AND EVEN THEY
FELL!

AS FOR
THE VULGAR
HERD, THE REBELS
AMONGST US,
WELL...

THE FIRE
OF MY WRATH
WAS KINDLED,
AND YOU SAW
HOW IT WAS
QUENCHED.

HELL
IS MINE,
NOW... AND
FOREVER!

GODDESS!
WE ARE WITH
YOU! SO WHAT
ARE YOU
GONNA
DO...

...ABOUT
THAT?

NO!

MY
LADY —
WHAT
NOW?

WHAT WILL I
DO NOW?

HELL... IS
MINE...

...AND HELL IS
DISINTEGRATING!

I SENSED IT, EVER
SINCE MY RETURN...
BUT I DID NOT PAY
ATTENTION!

Lady Death:
THE COVENANT!



the IMPENDING CHAOS!

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YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - AUGUST '98

From The Crypt

Architects of Armageddon

First Night: The Threshold

I can scrape a few facts together. A few facts are clear.

Fact One: at a three-day creative conference in the Arizona desert, Brian Pulido, Phil Nutman, and I, David Quinn, declared, deduced, and discovered the bare-bones design of every Chaos! Cosmos story between now and December 1999.

Fact Two: the outcome will be Armageddon, the story that quite possibly ends all stories. We're locked in, no turning back, 16 months to The End, so make the most of the ride, fiends. Want to know what will happen to Lady Death, Evil Ernie, Chastity, Purgatori, and all your favorites? We know and we ain't tellin'.

Fact Three: we seem to have survived the journey. Your Unholy Trio, or creatures resembling us, are back in our respective studios, getting the dream on paper.

Fact Four: they call us the Architects of Armageddon. But we didn't create it, not exactly. I promised my cohorts I wouldn't spill, but I can't keep it a secret any longer, fiends. We went into the desert wholly prepared to immerse ourselves in the creative process. Leaving distractions and transactions behind, we made what the mythic-minded would call a "vision quest" into Armageddon. And we trudged back three days later hauling a mother-load hoard of raw creative material; our bags were overstuffed with page upon page of scribbled detailed notes, broad-stroke fists, outcomes for every character in our Cosmos, and feverish sketches of the End Times. We came back with the proverbial elixir. We received the visions.

The first scientists believed base metal could be transmuted into gold. They called this process alchemy. Somehow, in the desert, blood alchemy had taken place: everything we needed to produce the 48 self-contained comic book stories of Armageddon was in our hands. But we can't tell you how we received the visions, not exactly. Want to know what it feels like? It feels like we are not the storytellers. The story is using us to be told!

The moon was a cold silver crescent, low in the dark sky. The air was windless, crisp, cold, which invigorated me; I usually experience Arizona as

too hot for my cold Northern blood. We hiked from the Chaos! Compound, with fresh water, food, and blank paper packed on our backs. We had maps and a compass, but to tell the truth, we didn't think we'd need them. We weren't going that far- physically.

I began to propose a work agenda, figuring that we could walk and talk, when a dark brown lizard zigged and zagged between my boots. "Hey!" I called out to Phil and Brian, "I was researching the Hopi Traditionalists, and they say if you see a lizard, pay attention to your dreams!"

"Cool," Brian answered, "Let's talk about structure later. Let's just walk, and pay attention to what comes as we walk."

"David, what do the Hopi Traditionalists say it means if you see a scorpion?" Phil asked.

"Dance, sucker," I answered. Then we were quiet for a while.

Wild songs of every kind of desert bird urged us on. Calls from coyotes in the mountains were both mournful and comic. Sage, juniper, and cedar scents were so pungent, I thought my body would surely smell of them for weeks. Walking as the sun and the heat rose was doing something strange to my senses. If you haven't been there, I can't explain it. I was moving out of our time frame and into a primal one, one where you might use a word like "sacred" without a trace of irony. "The word that comes to mind is sacred," I said.

"We are guests here, no doubt about it," Phil answered softly.

"Agreed. Use the sunscreen and remember, drink water every twenty minutes," Brian advised. "The desert is saying, 'I can kill you many ways, but I am also full of fun, boys.'"

No one needed to ask Brian how he knew that. And we walked on.

Next time, I'll tell you about the MIND FIRE!

Fiend About Town,

- David Quinn

The Low Down

We Wish You A Psychoic Christmas!

Hot on the heels of his sold out summer one-shot Dream A Little Dream, Smiley is set to return to a comic store near you this Christmas. Everybody's favorite psychotic button will be wreaking havoc while spreading his own version of holiday cheer. The Smiley Anti-Holiday Special will ship in early December and is sure to add a welcome dose of insanity to the hap-hap-happiest time of the year. Let your local comic shop know that you want a stocking full of Smiley for Christmas so that you don't get frozen out!

Tastes Like Chicken...

Fiends can't live on comics alone. That's why any self-respecting Chaos! reader will want their very own copy of Indonesian Cuisine, the brand spanking new cookbook from Pulido Publications. Edited by our own Francisca Pulido and written by Esly van de Weerd-Schieffeters (Fran's mother), this book is the gourmet way to send your tastebuds on a vacation from ramen noodles and t.v. dinners. Look for Indonesian Cuisine in your local bookstore (yes, bookstore) or you can order it directly through Pulido Publications by calling (888) 242-6713 Ext. 558.

Cryptic Writings Trade Coming

Tired of hunting all over town for the sold out mini-series The Cryptic Writings of Megadeth? Then be sure to visit your favorite

comic store this November when Chaos! releases the Cryptic Writings of Megadeth trade paperback. All four must-have issues are combined into one power packed volume for your head-banging pleasure! Witness the birth of Megadeth mascot Vic Rattlehead in "Skull Beneath the Skin" and live the life of a serial killer in "Good Mourning/Black Friday". There are twelve songs in all, so turn the volume up to eleven and enjoy this rock and roll for the eyes- Chaos! style!

Goddess at war!

The biggest title fight this fall won't take place in a boxing ring- it's in the pages of Chaos! It's a winner-takes-all rematch as the first lady of Hell, Lady Death, takes on Purgatori, comics number one vampire! Too big to be confined to a single issue, this explosive story will span both Purgatori #2 and Lady Death #10, and will be written by David Quinn and illustrated by Al Rio (Part 1) and Steven Hughes (Part 2). Pull up a ringside seat this October and witness the grudge match of the century! I coulda been a contender!

Get Creamed This Fall

When is a comic more than just a comic? When you get six extra pages of art! And that's just what you get when Cremator kicks off his five issue mini-series this November. After more than two years in the making, artist and writer Leonardo Jimenez (Rack and Pain) couldn't keep the action between the covers of an average-sized comic. Follow the Guardian of Hell as he prepares to battle great armies poised to conquer the nether realm. He is a being of power wrapped in flesh and bone-- the possessor of a furious rage that consumes and destroys those before him. He is Cremator!

Hughes Portfolio Coming

So what Christmas gift can you get for the Chaos! fanatic who has everything? The Steven Hughes Portfolio of course! Featuring the sultry women of the Chaos! cosmos such as Lady Death and Stiletto, this collection includes eight spectacular 11" x 14" illustrations suitable for framing. And, as if this weren't great enough, 500 of the portfolios will be signed by the artist himself!

These limited run portfolios are perfect for both the die hard fan and those who have yet to experience Chaos! in their lives. Order yours through your neighborhood comic shop today- once they're gone, they're gone!

Online Update

The Chaos! web site keeps on getting better and better! If you haven't seen it yet lately then you haven't seen it at all. Great new features include a new (and easier to use) chat room, access to lots of new preview art, and up-to-the-minute Chaos! news. The web site is also the best place to see all of the cool new Chaos! stuff available through Collector's Corner. Next time you are surfing the web, stop by chaoscomics.com. You won't be disappointed!

Upcoming Online Chats

Do you have a question, comment, opinion, or even a gripe about the Chaos! cosmos? Then let the creators know about it! Chat with the writers that shape the future of Chaos! by finding your way to chatroom @ chaoscomics.com. All chats begin at 9:00 EST.

SEPTEMBER

1st	David Quinn	Topic - Purgatori
8th	Phil Nutman	Topic - Evil Ernie
15th	Brian Pulido	Topic - Chaos!

Check the web site for more Chaos! special events!

Quick News

Stay tuned to the San Diego Comic Convention for a major announcement from Chaos! This one is going to be huge, folks! Got a favorite Chaos! character that you would like to see as an action figure? Let us know about it. E-mail us at service@chaoscomics.com or call (888) Chaos13 Ext. 558. How does Evil Ernie celebrate Christmas? Find out in Evil Ernie #7. You can bet he will be getting a lump of coal in his stocking this year... Chaos! writers Phil Nutman, David Quinn, and Hart Fisher will be on tour this fall. Check with your local comics shops to see if they will be in your town. Chastity: Rocked is looking like the runaway hit of the fall. Order now! Smiley Dream A Little Dream was the fastest title to sell out in Chaos! history. Don't forget to look for the Supernaturals from Chaos! and Marvel Comics this October. Spooky stuff!

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- Purgatori Monthly #1 \$2.95
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- Purgatori Monthly #2 \$2.95
- Chastity: Rocked #1 (of 4) \$2.95
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- Supernaturals #3 (of 4)
- Supernaturals #4 (of 4)

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Hey, Fiends, Quinn here. Starting here and now, with help from those beloved misfits at Chaos!, I'm going to be answering your letters to the Lady in person. From what I have seen so far, Chaos! people rock, so I am happy to jump in and have a little party on paper with you. But I can't answer you if you don't write; do it!

Let's begin with your freshest comments spewed back at us around the April release of Lady Death #4. That issue featured the landmark conclusion of the Wicked Ways storyline, brought to you by Brian Pulido and Phil Nutman, plot, Steven Hughes, black and white art, and Elizabeth Lewis, color art. Me.....well, it kind of fell off the credits, but I wrote the script, based on Brian and Phil's plot. Over to you.

Paul Dale Roberts

Now that you have seen how I worked my way out of the "Hope is a Human in Hell" quandary, and Lady Death's ruthlessness has sharpened as she strives to take single-handed control of the Judgement Era, I'm looking forward to hearing your thoughts. As for the mystery of Lady Demon, I had some very interesting conversations with Brian Pulido and Jesse McCann while scripting that issue. Something's cooking. Watch for it.

DEAR CHAOS! COMICS,

I've been thinking about something that no other fan has mentioned thus far (that I know of) and now that "Quest For Nukes!" is almost over, I thought I'd better write in now before it confirms my suspicion. What I've been thinking is that Lady Death has been playing Evil Ernie like a puppet since day one, and that as soon as he kills everyone on Earth and breaks Lucifer's spell, she will turn on Ernie...perhaps even kill him! My evidence? How about every issue that ever showed the two of them together? Lady D is always teasing Evil, telling him how he and she will be together once her curse is lifted. Oh yeah? Then why haven't they been together (years ago) in Evil's dreams by now if she 'loves him' so much? Surely she's not waiting until they're married, right? I don't know, dudes. Something smells like a rotting corpse to this faithful reader. Oh, never mind. It's just that damned ol' zombie standing behind me. Sorry. My mistake.

True Blue Evil Ernie Fan,
Shane Fralin

Cool insights, Shane - you raise an interesting question, but I don't want to spoil future stories by telling you precisely where you're red hot and where you're dead cold in your search for the dangerous truth. Look for a revealing meet between Ernie and Lady Death in "Christmas Evil" by the end of the year.

Oh yeah, all fresheners are in the mail to help you with your rotting corpse situation.

DEAR LADY DEATH,

First, I would like to say what a great job Mike Deodato has done with Lady Death. I was

afraid that Lady Death would not be the same again, but he's improved her without changing her at all. As far as the movie goes, I know Chaos! was cool enough to do it. There is only one actress qualified to be Lady Death, and that is Jenny McCarthy. No one else has the personality to play this role, and she is the closest woman to what Lady Death looks like today. I look forward to the movie - I've been reading Lady Death from the beginning!

Sworn to the Black,
Kevin 'Buffy' Maaser

Mike thanks you for the kind words, Kevin. You can tell that our work on *The Harrowing* these last four issues paid homage to everything we loved in Brian Pulido and Steven Hughes stories, while adding our own voice and vision. It's great to hear from a "day one" fiend like yourself. Keep in touch!

DEAR LADY DEATH,

Man, breathtaking, absolutely breathtaking! This story is really heading to the unknown of unknowns. There is no way I can figure this one out. Could Lady Death actually be meeting her fate with Leviatha? Lady Death has become so ruthless as she seeks the Judgement Era. I remember a few issues back, when I thought she had become almost angelic in a way. Times have changed and Lady Death is going through with this no mercy. The Lady Demon mystery has just gotten more mysterious as I wonder what is Lady Demon's hidden agenda and is she really part of Lady Death, or is this some sort of charade? How will Heaven play a role in this battle? Wow!! Standing ovation to the Chaos! crew!!

Sincerely yours,

Show and Tell Time: On my ten-city signing tour in Germany in June, I was a guest at Germany's largest convention in Erlangen. Besides meeting the coolest readers and retailers in Germany, I had a chance to meet the folks from Modern Graphix, the German publisher of Chaos!, and Lady Death illustrator Mike Deodato, Jr.!



Mike was moving too fast to capture on camera, but here's a shot of your Chaotic Scribe and the dangerous women we love too much... The Countess (from Chastity) and Lady Death... need I say more!

Next Issue

The return of illustrator Steven Hughes and the launch of the breakthrough tale that redefines the Chaos! Cosmos, *The Covenant*!

Fiend About Town;
Quinn